

The Howard 'School Values'



Respect



Friendship



Love

**Our School Value this term is: RESPONSIBILITY**

**Autumn 1 Curriculum**

**English**



This term, in English, we will be focussing on the Malorie Blackman novel *Thief*. We will also be using our class novel within our PSHE and computing. We will be focussing on Year 5 and 6 grammar features, presentation and spellings. Spellings will be taught daily and link to the spellings sent home. We will also be focussing on the KS2 common exception words. Guided reading will be based on the novel and provide the children with a range of different questions from making predictions about the book through to summarising events and using their inference skills.

**Maths**



Our focus points this term are place value and the four operations. We will be focussing on both mental and written strategies, looking for the most efficient ways to solve calculations. Times tables are integral to all strands of maths, so it is important that the children can rapidly recall their multiplication facts to 12x12.

Remember to use *Times Tables Rock Stars* at home.



We have a really exciting Geography topic this term. We will be orienteering which will involve designing our own maps, visiting other schools in the MAT to try out their maps and going to Cannock chase. Why not help your child become familiar with how a compass works and what an OS Map is.

**Art**



We will be exploring different techniques for drawing and painting landscapes this term. This will lead to a number of opportunities to work outdoors and sketch our environment

**Science**



Our RE and Science will provide interesting contrast and debate as we look at Creation and Evolution. We will be supported by Reverend Anne from St Mary's Church in Colton and will be looking at the book of Genesis. In Science we will look at endangered animals, extinction and how animals evolve and adapt over time.



**PSHE**

Our PSHE will link in with our computing and English topics. We will be looking at friendships and e-safety.

## Computing



Our Computing will be taught through the English text *Thief* this half term and will focus on e-Safety. Why not support your child by encouraging them to look at the following website and discuss what is on there.

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)



On Monday and Tuesday we will be looking at Leadership and planning how we can support the younger members of the school.

## Religious Education



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